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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for
Special Activities

SUBJECT: Development of Plans to Acquire and
Modify for CIA SAC U-2 Aircraft

1. The information quoted below, forwarded to you for action, is extracted from a Memorandum for the Record of the NRO ExCom meeting on Thursday, 10 September.

"The future U-2 program was then discussed and it was generally agreed that the best solution to the problem would be to modify existing SAC aircraft on a reasonable turn-in basis without establishing a crash production line -- say on the basis of modifying four per year. It was also agreed that we should see whether or not some other contractor was in a position to do the work on a much cheaper basis than Lockheed. Both of these agreements are to be considered in a plan to be submitted by Colonel Ledford. This plan is to develop a schedule of modifications and estimated completion dates and to include a listing of the actual modifications required. The general consensus was that modifying to U-2H was probably as far as we should go. Action: Colonel Ledford to prepare such a plan and show it to General Carter prior to any further action with the NRO Executive Committee."

2. Will you please furnish us information as to the estimated date that the desired plan will be ready for presentation to DDCI.

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